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EC-5997. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improper to Proper Depreciation Changes" (Rev. Proc. 2004-11) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5998. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulings and Determination Letters" (Rev. Proc. 2004-7) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5999. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Republication of Rev. Proc. 2003-8" (Rev. Proc. 2003-8) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6000. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Computing Depreciation" (RIN1545-BC17) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6001. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 42 Carryover and Stacking Rule Amendments" (RIN1545-BA85) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6002. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Video Teleconferencing Appeal" (RIN0960-AE97) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6003. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to outpatient dialysis payment rates; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6004. A communication, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Medical Devices: Classification of the Dental Sonography Device and Jaw Tracking Device" (Doc. No. 200N-0305) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6005. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to increasing health care to non-elderly, low-income populations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6006. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administrator for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule on Head Start Transportation" (RIN097-AC16) received on January 20, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6007. A communication from the President, Midwestern Higher Education Compact, transmitting, the report of a resolution regarding the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 129. A bill to provide for reform relating to Federal employment, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-223).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2031. A bill to authorize the States to implement such mechanisms as are necessary in a time of national crisis to ensure the continuity of the Senate in the event that a quorum of the Senate is not present due to the inability of members of the Senate to discharge the powers and duties of their office; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2032. A bill to provide assistance and security for women and children in Afghanistan and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2033. A bill to designate the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the "Joe Skeen Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 292. A resolution designating the week beginning February 2, 2004, as "National School Counseling Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 664

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 664, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 846, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for premiums on mortgage insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 910

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 910, a bill to ensure the continuation of non-homeland security functions of Federal agencies transferred to the Department of Homeland Security.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for non-regular service from 60 to 55.

S. 1189

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1189, a bill to ensure an appropriate balance between resources and accountability under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

S. 1245

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1245, a bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

S. 1326

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1326, a bill to establish the position of Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing in the Department of Commerce.

S. 1354

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1354, a bill to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, and for other purposes.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1398, a bill to provide for the environmental restoration of the Great Lakes.